

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL FROM SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to establish any pilot projects to produce alcohol from sugarcane for use as additive to motor fuels;
- (b) if so, the States where such pilot projects are likely to be located;
- (c) the criteria used to select those States for such pilot projects;
- (d) the approximate investment in such pilot projects; and the schedule for implementation of this scheme?

Answer

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Ram Naik)

(a) and (b) Government propose to take up pilot projects in UP and Maharashtra to ascertain the effects of using ethanol blended auto-fuel on the environment and to examine other operational and financial aspects.

(c) This is only a pilot study and the States selected are two major sugar cane growing States.

(d) and (e) These aspects are yet to be firmed up.